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**Sent:** 6/19/2012 2:01:45 PM  
**To:** Robin Costas/ESC/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
**CC:**  
**Subject:** Re: could you read this real quick?

I think it looks reasonable.

**From:** Robin Costas/ESC/R3/USEPA/US  
**To:** Peggy Zawodny/ESC/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
**Date:** 06/19/2012 01:24 PM  
**Subject:** could you read this real quick?

Peggy, this is a statement from the Dimock contractors who did our review. Would you agree with this, or could it be worded a better way? Thanks for your help! robin

*Certain QC samples, including samples referred to as blanks, are collected to check for possible cross-contamination or error in the field and/or laboratory. Field blanks (including trip blanks and equipment blanks) are collected to check for possible cross-contamination during sample collection, and shipment, as well as in the laboratory. Field blanks also check for possible contamination associated with the sample containers and preservatives. Laboratory blanks (also referred to as method blanks) are used throughout the entire analytical procedure to check for possible contamination at the laboratory. Where possible, blank water demonstrated to be free of the contaminants of concern, should be used.*